

in the case of a council established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

COMPUTER SECURITY

Nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 100-235 which enacted this section to be construed to constitute authority to withhold information sought under section 552 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, or to authorize any Federal agency to limit, restrict, regulate, or control collection, maintenance, disclosure, use, transfer, or sale of any information that is privately owned information, disclosable under section 552 of Title 5 or other law requiring or authorizing public disclosure of information, or public domain information, see section 8 of Pub. L. 100-235, set out as a note under section 1441 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 44 sections 3504, 3533.

§ 278h. Appropriations; availability

Appropriations to carry out the provisions of this chapter may remain available for obligation and expenditure for such period or periods as may be specified in the Acts making such appropriations.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, § 22, formerly § 18, as added Pub. L. 92-317, § 3(a), June 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 235; amended Pub. L. 95-322, § 2(b), July 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 395; Pub. L. 96-461, § 10, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2052; renumbered § 19, Pub. L. 99-574, § 6(a), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3237; renumbered § 20, Pub. L. 99-574, § 8(a), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3238; renumbered § 22, Pub. L. 100-235, § 3(2), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1724.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-461 substituted “Appropriations” for “(a) Appropriations” and struck out subsec. (b) which authorized appropriations to carry out provisions of this chapter, including the Working Capital Fund referred to in section 278b(a) of this title, but excluding section 278f of this title, of such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1979 and 1980.

1978—Pub. L. 95-322 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 278i. Reports to Congress

(a) The Director shall keep the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives fully and currently informed with regard to all of the activities of the Institute.

(b) The Director shall justify in writing all changes in policies regarding fees for standard reference materials and calibration services occurring after June 30, 1987, including a description of the anticipated impact of any proposed changes on demand for and anticipated revenues from the materials and services. Changes in policy and fees shall not be effective unless and until the Director has submitted the proposed schedule and justification to the Congress and 30 days on which both Houses of Congress are in session have elapsed since such submission, except that the requirement of this sentence shall not apply with respect to adjustments which are

based solely on changes in the costs of raw materials or of producing and delivering standard reference materials or calibration services.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, § 23, as added Pub. L. 100-418, title V, § 5114(2), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1432.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Science of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress.

§ 278j. Studies by National Research Council

The Director may periodically contract with the National Research Council for advice and studies to assist the Institute to serve United States industry and science. The subjects of such advice and studies may include—

(1) the competitive position of the United States in key areas of manufacturing and emerging technologies and research activities which would enhance that competitiveness;

(2) potential activities of the Institute, in cooperation with industry and the States, to assist in the transfer and dissemination of new technologies for manufacturing and quality assurance; and

(3) identification and assessment of likely barriers to widespread use of advanced manufacturing technology by the United States workforce, including training and other initiatives which could lead to a higher percentage of manufacturing jobs of United States companies being located within the borders of our country.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, § 24, as added Pub. L. 100-418, title V, § 5114(2), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1432.)

§ 278k. Regional Centers for the Transfer of Manufacturing Technology

(a) Creation and support of Centers; affiliations; merit review in determining awards; objectives

The Secretary, through the Director and, if appropriate, through other officials, shall provide assistance for the creation and support of Regional Centers for the Transfer of Manufacturing Technology (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “Centers”). Such centers¹ shall be affiliated with any United States-based nonprofit institution or organization, or group thereof, that applies for and is awarded financial assistance under this section in accordance with the description published by the Secretary in the Federal Register under subsection (c)(2) of this section. Individual awards shall be decided on the basis of merit review. The objective of the Centers is to enhance productivity and technological performance in United States manufacturing through—

(1) the transfer of manufacturing technology and techniques developed at the Institute to Centers and, through them, to manufacturing companies throughout the United States;

(2) the participation of individuals from industry, universities, State governments, other

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.